

RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Applicant hereby elects with traverse the Species of Group B comprising a broach assembly having a body member having integral support members, and spacers, and cutting inserts mounted between support members and spacers.

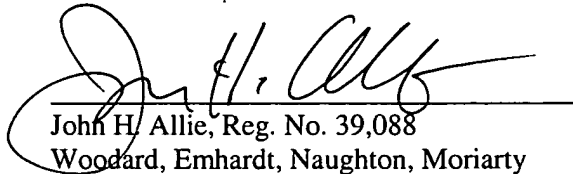
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect one of the following species for prosecution on the merits: (A) a broach assembly having a body member having cutting inserts mounted in compression mounts; or (B) a broach assembly having a body member having integral support members, and spacers, and cutting inserts mounted between support members and spacers. Applicant elects with traverse the species of Group B for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 10-23 and 32-37 are readable on the elected species and claims 32-37 are believed to be generic.

The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowability for the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that there are any matters that can be resolved by a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome said call.

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